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SUBJECT: Incentive Programs for Implementing Environmental Management Systems (EMS)

1. References:

- a. Executive Order 13148, 21 April 2000, Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management.
- b. Memorandum, DASA (ESOH), OASA (I&E), 13 July 2001, subject: Army Environmental Management System – ACTION MEMORANDUM.
- c. Memorandum, DASA (ESOH), OASA (I&E), 4 February 2005, subject: Guidance for EMS Self Declaration.

2. Many state environmental agencies are under the same pressures as installations and have been required to do more with less. Implementation of an Environmental Management Systems (EMS) is becoming more and more recognized by federal and state agencies, as a key indicator of a facility's commitment and ability to satisfy regulatory requirements. They have come to understand that facilities having implemented an EMS are committed to continually improving environmental performance and pose less of a risk than organizations that have not. As a result, a great variety of incentive programs have been instituted in recent years to encourage and reward organizations that implement an EMS.

3. The report in the enclosure provides a summary of federal and state incentive programs that formally recognize and promote the implementation of an EMS. The regulatory flexibility and public recognition offered by these incentives programs can directly support the Army's strategy for the environment by helping to strengthen Army operations and reducing our overall environmental footprint. Participation in these programs can minimize impacts, eliminate unnecessary compliance burdens, increase operational flexibility and reduce total ownership costs. These programs can also strengthen existing relationships with our communities, and foster new partnerships to achieve sustained environmental stewardship and a ready military force.

4. The Army encourages facilities to participate in these types of incentives programs when it makes sense to do so (reference c). You should ensure that your installations fully understand the requirements of your state's incentive program before participating.

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5. It can be expected that EMS incentive programs will be adopted by more and more states over the coming years and that these incentives programs will continue to evolve over time. We will continue to monitor these programs and update this information in the future. If you have questions regarding any of the regulations or the rankings, please contact my POC Mr. Dave Giffin at DSN 584-2527 or 410-436-2527, email [dave.giffin@us.army.mil](mailto:dave.giffin@us.army.mil).

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